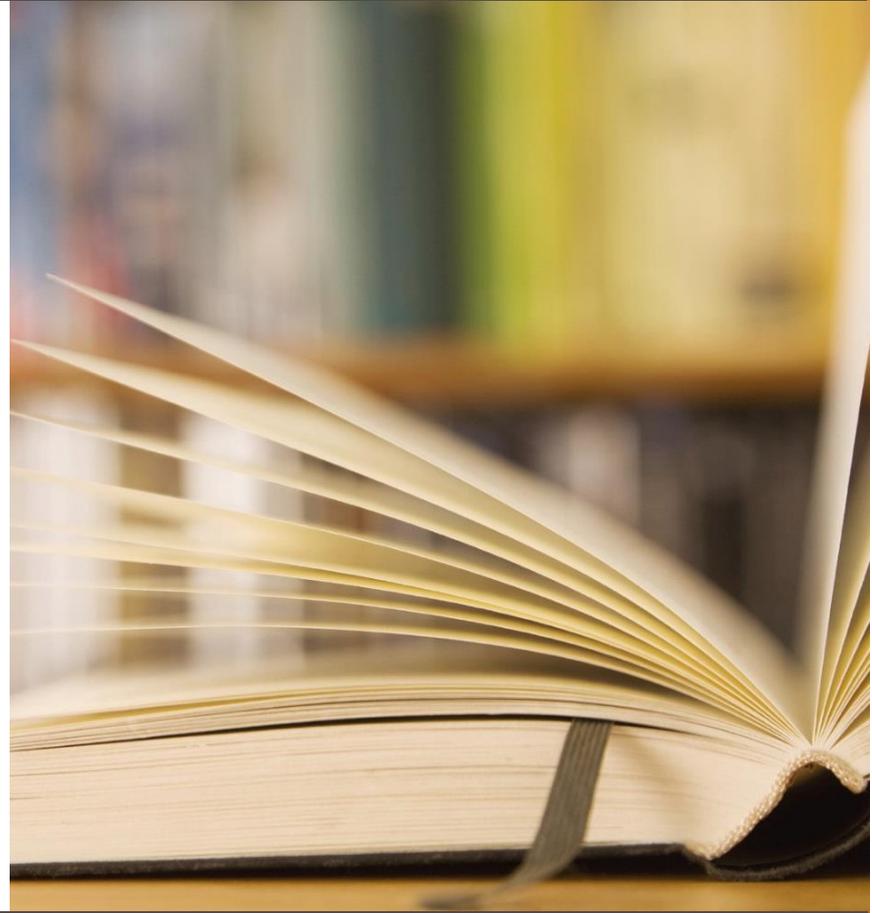




# Los Angeles County Probation Department Education Services

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# Probation Oversight Commission Working Group Presentation

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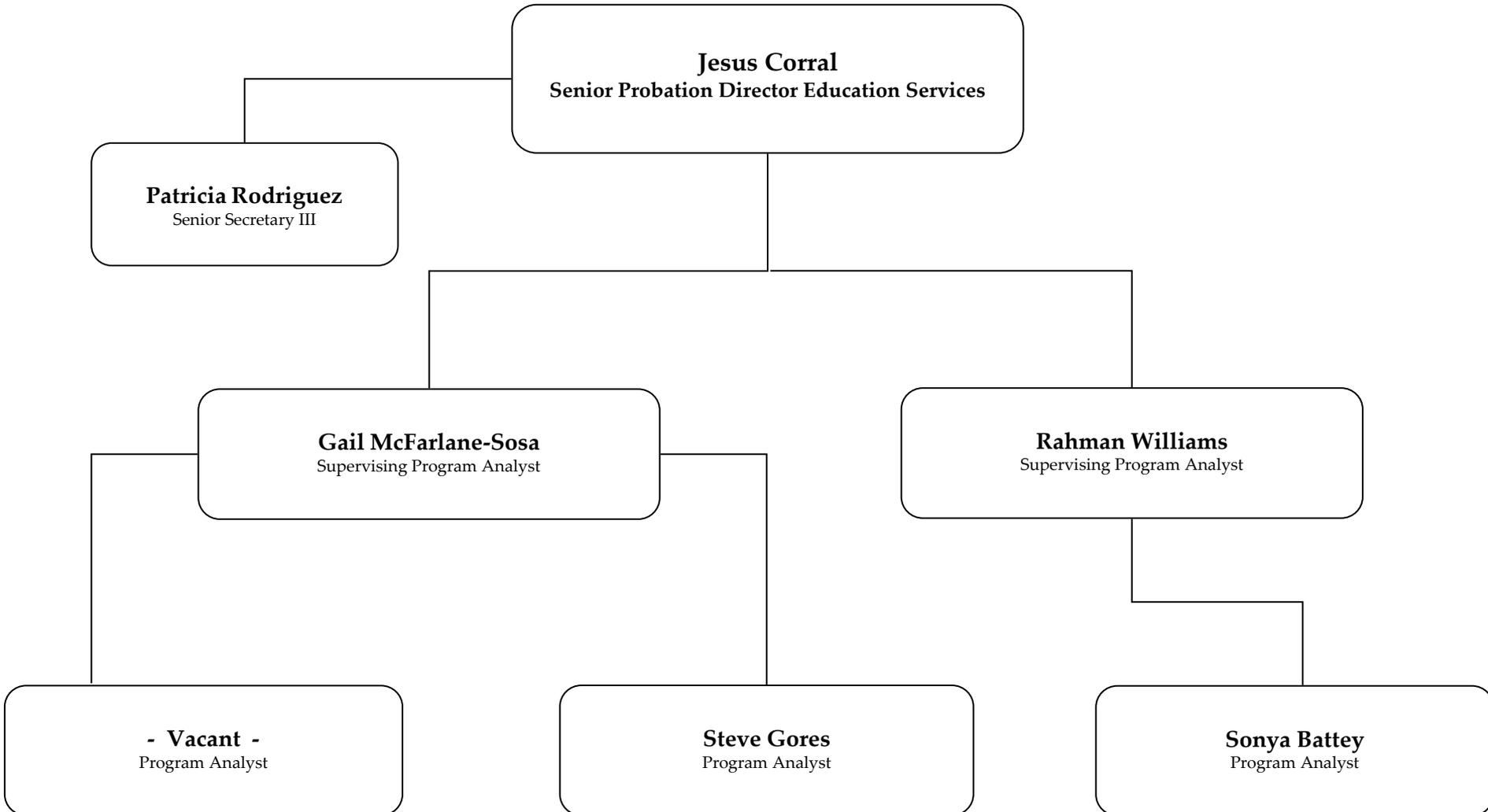
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# Education Services Organization Chart



**What roles and responsibilities does Probation have in relation to Education Reform? Are education reforms provided for juveniles and adults?**

- Brief history of Probation education reform
- Probation's responsibility in the education of youth
- Target population
- Operation Read
- Advocacy on behalf of clients



## Who is responsible for primary oversight for Probation's role in Education Reform?

### Unit Lead:

- Jesus Corral, Ed. D.

Senior Probation Director, Education Services

### Managers

- Rahman Williams, J. D.  
Supervising Program Analyst
  
- Gail McFarlane-Sosa  
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**Please provide an overview of the Comprehensive Education Reform effort and the resulting recommendations/corrective action plans. What is the process for evaluation of the corrective action plans' implementation and desired results?**

- Comprehensive Education Reform Committee (CERC)
  - Quarterly report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS)
    - Continuous quarterly review of 35 recommendations by Probation and LACOE.
  - Redesign of CERC report
- Examples of reforms initiated by CERC
  - Road to Success Academy (RTSA)
  - Individualized Learning Plan (ILP)



**Please describe what you view as the strongest education programs in the camps and halls for youth ages 18 and younger?**

- a. Do you view these education programs as effective?**
- b. Have they been formally evaluated?**
- c. Do they comply with state and national education standards?**

- Probation sponsored college courses
  - UC and CSU transferable courses
- Summer youth employment program (WIOA)
  - Challenger
  - Other Camps
- Road to Success Academy
- Evaluation standards
  - School accreditation
  - Board of Corrections



**What training to probation staff and youth receive to prepare for effective transitions back to the community? Do you view this training as effective?**

- Educational advocacy training
  - Loyola Law School Center for Juvenile Law and Policy
    - Planning workgroups
    - Training agenda

**Other Training:**

- Freedom Schools
  - Training



**Do you monitor the ongoing education of youth after they transfer out of the camps and halls? What improvements would you suggest to make the transition smoother and more effective for youth?**

- Transition monitoring of youth
- Multidisciplinary teams
- Camp to Community Transition Program



**To whom do you report any education-related, personnel, programmatic (or other) issues - positive or negative - you encounter with respect to Probation?**

- a. How timely is the follow-up?**
- b. How thorough is the follow-up?**
- c. Please provide a concrete example.**



- When issues arrive...
  - Relationship with LACOE
  - Relationship with the largest feeder school districts
    - Los Angeles Unified School District
    - Antelope Valley Union High School District
    - Compton Unified School District
    - Pomona Unified School District
    - Long Beach Unified School District
    - El Monte Union high school district
- Judge Groman's Road Show
- Other education-related issues

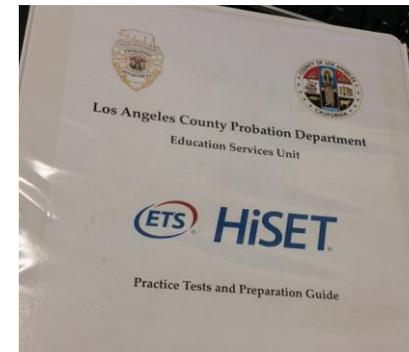


**Please highlight any specific issues that you have brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors (or any other entity), which led to a policy change or education reform or other improvement within the Probation Department.**

- HiSET Testing
  - Shift from GED to HiSET
- Supervisor Molina – LACOE Education Plans – MDTs.

## **In Progress**

- Assembly Bill 216
  - Meetings LACOE Superintendent and Executive Cabinet



**Does Probation provide training (or do DPOs receive training) in the partial credits to which probation youth are entitled? What is the process for helping to ensure probation youth receive these partial (as well as their full) credits when they transfer back to a comprehensive school?**

- AB2276 – Transfer of youth from juvenile court schools
  - Acceptance of partial credit by school districts
- Probation officer database training
- Educational advocacy training
  - Loyola Law School Center for Juvenile Law and Policy
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**Do you feel the availability of school psychologists and mental health counselors and providers is sufficient for probation youth with IEPs? Would you recommend any changes or improvements to better serve probation youth who have mental health issues?**

- CERC
  - LACOE staffing ratios
- Youth with IEPs
- Recommendations
  - Youth with court appointed Holder of Educational Rights and district of residence
  - Non-Public Schools (NPS) IEPs



**Do you have any involvement with the youth under 236 supervision in school-based settings? If so, do you find the probation involvement affects the educational experience of these youth in any way? Please describe.**

- Involvement with 236 Youth
- Probation HiSET Testing
  - Partnership with CCTP
- Operation Read Field Services
- Juvenile Day Reporting Centers (JDRC)



## What is the communication between citizen oversight bodies and Probation Education Reform? and the Board of Supervisors?

- Participation in:
  - The quarterly CERC Meetings
  - Participation in the Casey A. Task Force
  - The Education Coordination Council



**What recommendations would you offer to strengthen and improve the quality of oversight over education offered for students involved with Los Angeles County Probation? What improvements or changes of oversight would you recommend? Please include in any suggested improvements those for Education Reform as well as Probation as a whole.**

- Streamline of VISTO Process
- Streamline Capital Projects
- Education Services reporting structure



## Partner Agencies

- Los Angeles County Public Library
  - Library at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall
  - Camp Book Clubs
- Los Angeles County Public Works
  - Youth Opportunity Program
- Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder
  - Youth Voter Registration Drive
- Community and Senior Services
  - WIOA, Summer youth employment Program
- Mission College
  - College Classes
- Los Angeles Unified School District
  - Counselor Support Services



# Questions?



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